



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



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# Governor's Inn

## Williamsburg, Virginia

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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### Governor's Inn

"An Official Onsite Colonial Williamsburg Hotel. Most Economical Way To Enjoy Values And Amenities of The Colonial Williamsburg Hotels. Located Three Blocks From The Colonial Williamsburg's World Renowned Historic Area; 200 Guest Rooms."

**Green Statement:** "Most Colonial Williamsburg facilities have a long standing tradition of being sensitive to the environment so the idea of going Green has really been part of our culture for years."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☒” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Governor's Inn** can expect the following practices:

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Use linens service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment, phone books, rags, magazines
- Clearly marked recycling bins in parking lots
- Track overall waste bills
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use screen based ordering system
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
  - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
  - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Have an “energy management system” in place to track and meter energy usage
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Provide recycling, eliminate use of Styrofoam, minimize use of printed materials, recycled-content, soy based inks and 2-sided copying, reduce overall wastes

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For more information on **Governor’s Inn**, see [www.history.org](http://www.history.org) or contact **Robert Jeremiah** at [rjeremiah@cwf.org](mailto:rjeremiah@cwf.org) or 757-220-7480.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging) or go to [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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